REMARKS

New independent claim 21 has been drafted to incorporate the allowable subject matter of old dependent claim 6 with the subject matter of old independent claim 1. This claim should now be allowed. Claims 2-5 and 7-9 are now dependent on the patentable subject matter of new claim 21. These claims should be allowed.

New independent claim 22 has been drafted to incorporate the allowable subject matter of old dependent claim 12 with the subject matter of old independent claim 10.

This claim should now be allowed. Claims 11 and 13-15 are now dependent on the patentable subject matter of new claim 22. These claims should be allowed.

Claims 16-20 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Re-examination, reconsideration and allowance of the application are requested in view of the foregoing remarks and the claims as amended. Should the examiner have any questions regarding this amendment it is urged that she contact the undersigned.

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